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WAY. PMAC DEMAND FOR JOB RESUMPTION, BACKED BY STRINGENT EMERGENCY POLICE POWER, HAS HAD EFFECT OF FORESTALLING NAY NEW STRIKES AND OF INTIMIDATING THOSE CONTINUING STRIKE. BANKS HAVE REOPENED WITH MINIMAL STAFF ON HAND, BUT RETURNEES APPEARING IN DRIBLETS. ETHIOPIAN AIRLINES HAS SUFFICIENT STAFF TO MAINTAIN ALL ESSENTIAL SERVICES AND EXPECTS FULL STAFF AT WORK BY WEEK'S END. APPROXIMATELY 15 TO 20 SMALLER FACTORIES AND COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS STILL CLOSED DOWN BUT MANAGERS ARE ANTICIPATING START UP AGAIN BY MONDAY, OCTOBER 6. RUMORS CIRCULATING THAT SOME FORM OF NEGOTIATIONS UNDERWAY BETWEEN MILITARY AND CELU. HOWEVER, CELU LEADERS HAVE BEEN OUT OF SIGHT AND WHETHER THEY ARE ACTUALLY ENDEAVORING TO SEEK COMPROMISE IS SOMEWHAT DOUBTFUL.

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